

The background of the image is a textured, light beige color. In the center, there is a stylized graphic of a globe. The globe is composed of various colors including blue, green, yellow, and purple, with dark blue and black paint splatters overlaid. From behind the globe, several thick, radial brushstrokes extend outwards in shades of blue, green, and yellow. Overlaid on this central graphic is the text "FIRST Love". The word "FIRST" is in a bold, white, sans-serif font, while "Love" is in a white, cursive script font. The text is positioned to the right of the globe.

FIRST
Love

THEN

- For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you, and your love for all the saints (1:15)
- ... and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ... (3:17b)
- ... and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge ... (3:19)
- Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (6:23)



NOW

- But I have this against you, that you have left your first love. (Rev 2:4)



Eternal Truths About the Church

- Chosen (1:3-4)
- Redeemed (1:7)
- Sealed (1:13)



The Fruits of the Church

- Faith is Christ (1:15)
- Love for the saints (1:15)
- Spirit to enlighten (1:17)
- Hope (1:18)



The Fruits of the Church

- Riches (1:18, 3:16)
- His power (1:19)
- Rooted in Love (3:17)
- In Love with Jesus (6:24)



30 Years Later

- Toiling (2:2)
- Perseverance(2:2a, 3)
- Opposing evil (2:3)
- Discerned false prophets (2:2b)
- Endured (2:3b)



30 Years later

Sounds like a great church, but wait . . . there's more.



Judgment at Their Door

- Left their first Love
- No longer in love with Jesus
- No longer serving out of Love for Jesus
- Preach, serve, persevere, discern



Judgment at Their Door

- All without love
- Looks alive but a deadly spiritual cancer in the heart of the church



Invitation

- Remember
- Repent
- Return

